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Remarks

The above preliminary amendment to the specification is made to claim priority to the identified PCT, Great Britain and United States provisional patent applications and to present the Abstract on a separate sheet.

The preliminary amendment presented above further amends the claims to conform to United States practice and to provide a more complete claim set for prosecution.

New claim 42 recites an agent that is an antibody molecule, "wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody." This claim language is supported by the specification at page 16, line 22.

New claim 45 recites an agent "wherein said agent binds to mRNA sequences created at alternatively spliced sites." Support for this claim is found at page 52, line 13 to page 53, line 17 of the application. New claim 46 more specifically recites that the "agent binds to the mRNA sequence created by alternative splicing at exon 14 of Ciz 1," which is supported by the application in Figure 21G, and Claim 17 recites that the "agent binds to the mRNA sequence created by exon skipping of exon 4 of Ciz1," which finds support in the application in Figure 21B.

Accordingly, the new claim set is supported by the application as originally filed, and the Applicant respectfully requests entry thereof.

Claims 30-65 are currently pending in this application. The Applicant submits that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

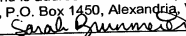
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